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Appln. No.: 09/995,659

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

Filed: November 29, 2001

Title: GYNOGENETIC OR ANDROGENETIC PRODUCTION OF PLURIPOTENT CELLS AND CELL LINES, AND USE THEREOF TO PRODUCE DIFFERENTIATED CELLS AND TISSUES

February 27, 2003

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
(FILING DATE NOT GRANTED) AND PETITIONS UNDER §§ 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e)
AND/OR 1.137(b)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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The above-identified patent application was deposited in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 29, 2001. On December 12, 2001, Applicants received a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Filing Date Granted)" indicating that the declaration was unsigned and that a balance of \$65 was due. Applicants timely filed a reply to that Notice on July 12, 2002 with a petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

After Applicants' July 12, 2002 reply, Applicants received on July 29, 2002 a "Withdrawal of Previously Sent Notice" withdrawing the December 12, 2001 Notice, re-setting the time period for reply, and enclosing a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application" indicating that the drawings had not originally been deposited. Copies of the papers received on July 29, 2002 are enclosed as Attachment A.

Applicants are confused by the multiple Notices, are unsure of the current status of this application, and request that the status of this application be confirmed in the next Office communication. Notwithstanding that confusion, Applicants reply as follows to the July 29, 2002 Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. Because Applicants are unsure of

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the status of the application, this reply includes both a petition to accord filing date under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(e) and 1.181, and, in the alternative, a petition to revive an application abandoned unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b).

I. Petition to Accord Filing Date of November 29, 2001

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, Applicants hereby request that this application be accorded its original filing date of November 29, 2001 with drawing figures 1-17 included in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that drawing figures 1-17, which were identified as missing by the Notice, were submitted on November 29, 2001. Along with this petition, Applicants attach as Attachment B a postcard receipt from the U.S.P.T.O., bearing the U.S.P.T.O. official label and stating that 17 sheets of drawings were transmitted to the U.S.P.T.O. on November 29, 2001. By the policy and standard procedure of the undersigned's firm, the enclosed postcard receipt would have been checked against the documents attached to it by the practitioner signing the transmittal forms as well as by one or more docket clerks before being hand carried to the U.S.P.T.O. by a messenger service. Therefore, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the items listed on the enclosed postcard receipt represent an accurate inventory of the documents that were filed on November 29, 2001.

For the convenience of the Office, and to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants enclose copies of all of drawing figures 1-17 as Attachment C. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is entitled to a filing date of November 29, 2001 and entry of the enclosed drawing figures, regardless of whether or not the drawings were originally deposited with the other application papers on that day for the following reasons.

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/697,297 filed on October 27, 2000, which, in turn, claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/161,987 filed on October 28, 1999. Both of those prior applications were incorporated into this application by reference in the second paragraph of the specification; the figures of this application and those of 09/697,297 are identical. Therefore, Applicants are entitled to incorporate the drawings into this application and retain the November 29, 2001 filing date, because, even if they were not originally deposited, they form an original part of the application due to the incorporation by reference of the parent application. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request that the attached 17 sheets of drawings be entered and the filing date of November 29, 2001 be granted.

The petition fee of \$130 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) for this petition may be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 03-3975, under our Order No. 15837/277145, for which purpose this paper is being filed in duplicate.

A five-month extension of time was petitioned for when Applicants filed the response of July 12, 2002 to the Notice of December 12, 2001. Because that Notice has been withdrawn at the Office's initiative, Applicants respectfully request that the extension fees that were previously paid in response to the December 12, 2001 Notice be construed to cover the fees for a five-month extension of time (small entity) to respond to the present Notice. However, if any additional fees are due, or Applicants' request to transfer the previously paid fees is denied, then fees may be charged to our Deposit Account under the same Order Number given above.

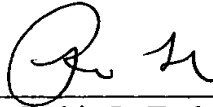
II. Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

If this case has become abandoned, please construe this paper as a Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). The petition fee of \$650 (small entity) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) may be charged to our Deposit Account under the Order Number given above. The entire delay from the due date to the filing date of a grantable petition was unintentional. This paper and its attachments constitute the required reply. No Terminal Disclaimer is required.

Applicants eagerly await a decision on this petition. If any questions arise, the examining Official is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss those questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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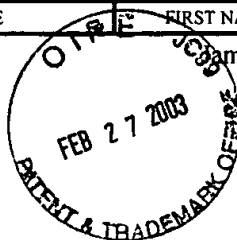


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WITHDRAWAL NOTICE



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WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE

The Notice mailed on 12/12/2001 was sent in error and is hereby withdrawn. A corrected Notice is enclosed. The time period for reply runs from the mail date of the corrected Notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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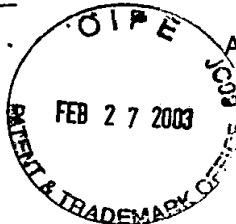
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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of any signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

A. ☐ NOT madeB. ☐ WithdrawnC. ☐ made herewithD. ☒ made previously

For B & C

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	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	38	**minus 38	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	4	***minus 4	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
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or if Rule 97(d) Request			+ \$180			126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$750/370		+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)			x \$750/375 ea		+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$750/375		+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e) and/or 1.137(b)					+ \$130	

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